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REMARKS

On August 14, 2006, the current Examiner mailed a non-final Office Action responsive to communications filed on 25 August 2003, and noted claims 1-25 as pending in the application. The communications filed on 25 August 2003 with claims 1-25 was the original application.

However, prior to this current Office Action dated August 14, 2006, Applicant had already received a non-final first Office Action dated January 5, 2006 from the previous Examiner. The Office Action dated January 5, 2006 was likewise responsive to communications filed on 25 August 2003, and noted claims 1-25 as pending in the application. The application was filed on August 25, 2003.

In response to the non-final Office Action dated January 5, 2006, Applicant filed an Amendment on April 4, 2006, which included an election of restriction to prosecute claims 1-17, amendments to claims with the addition of claims 26-29, amendments to the specification and a replacement drawing sheet. On May 19, 2006, Applicant filed a Correction of Non-Compliant Amendments in response to a Notice of Non-Compliance mailed May 17, 2006. These Amendments are of record and Applicant incorporates them by reference herein.

The current Office Action of August 14, 2006, is not responsive to the application as currently amended and restricted in response the Office Action of January 5, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that the current Office Action of August 14, 2006 be rescinded and the amended application be reconsidered for allowance.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On October 11, 2006, undersigned counsel spoke by telephone with the Examiner to discuss those facts recited above in Remarks, and counsel also spoke by telephone with Supervisor Slack on October 31, 2006, regarding those same facts.

On November 10, 2006, counsel again spoke to Supervisor Naoko Slack by telephone to discuss an appropriate response by Applicant to the Office Action of August 14, 2006, which Office Action had not considered the previous amendment and restriction filed in response to the Office Action of January 5, 2006. Counsel suggested and Supervisor Slack agreed that a detailed response to the Office Action of August 14, 2006, was inappropriate and unnecessary. Furthermore, out of an abundance of caution, counsel is filing herein this Request for Reconsideration with incorporation by reference previously filed amendments.

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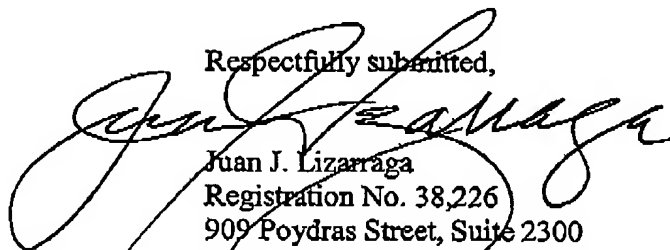
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Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully requests that the current Office Action of August 14, 2006 be rescinded and the amended application be reconsidered for allowance. The application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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